



Seal of Civic Readiness Pilot Experiences

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Process?



Examine current program

Key reflection questions:

Do we offer experiences that align or closely match criteria identified as part of the Seal of Civic Readiness?

How closely do our current assignments or projects align?

Modify and Adjust

Using our current offerings and assignments, teachers began the process of updating/changing the assignment requirements to align with the expectations of the Seal of Civic Readiness.

Implementation

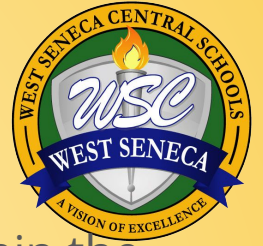
Additional resources were identified to support program success throughout implementation.

Examine Current Program



We started with what we already have as part of our program:

- AP Courses
- SUPA Courses
- Enriched Course
- Assignments in our Government Class



Modifications and Adjustments

Based on our examination, we identified three areas to focus on within the Civic Participation side of the matrix to provide opportunities for students:

High School Civics Project (limit two times during grades 9-12)	1.5
Service-Learning Project (minimum 25 hours) and reflective civic learning essay/presentation/product	1*
Civics Capstone Project	4

Implementation

- Criteria established (SCRC)
- Classroom Presentations
- Check-ins with Regional Coordinator
- Tracking (Sheets)
- Additional Support (High School Technology Integrator)





Implementation Challenges

- Establishing new processes for tracking
- Organizations are getting back to accepting volunteers, but the opportunities were more limited this year.
- General Covid-related challenges that have impacted all of Education.



Case Study: Capstone Project

- Starting Point
- Modifications and updates for the Seal of Civic Readiness
- Challenges
- Successes
- Results



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Senior Civic Readiness
Capstone Project
Handbook and Forms



Next steps

- Graduation Recognition
- Analyze results and adjust accordingly
- Apply for 2022 - 2023 school year
- Pursue expanding and/or building opportunities on the matrix.

